STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota Public Health Laboratory staff work 24/7, testing and monitoring for potential health threats to our communities and loved ones; and

WHEREAS: For over 150 years, the Minnesota Public Health Laboratory has been a national leader working to make sure that medical conditions are reported quickly, our food and water are safe to eat and drink, our environment – including our lakes, rivers, soil, and air – can be freely enjoyed, and community health threats are stopped; and

WHEREAS: The month of September is Public Health Laboratory Appreciation Month, where we celebrate the dedicated teams that play a critical yet often unseen role in the overall health of Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: This month provides a reminder of the innovative and steadfast work laboratory professionals complete each day, sometimes under challenging and changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota honors the tireless dedication, resilience, sacrifice, reliability, determination, and flexibility of these professionals in their enduring sense of duty to keep all people who visit our state and live in our communities safe and healthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as:

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE